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RATSIRAKA - PART III: COMMENT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN

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1. SUMMARY. IN THIRD PART OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S AFRIQUE-
ASIE INTERVIEW HE COMMENTS UNFAVORABLY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S
HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

2. ISSUE NO. 151 (DEC 26/JAN 8) OF AFRIQUE-ASIE CARRIES THIRD
PART OF SIMON MALLEY'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MADAGASCAR
PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA (SEE REFTELS). FULL TEXT OF PART III
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (AF/E) JAN 6. FOURTH AND FINAL PART
WILL APPEAR IN ISSUE NO. 152.

3. IN THIRD PART OF INTERVIEW, ONLY ONE COMMENT DIRECTLY
CONCERNS US. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION, QUOTE AND THE PROBLEM
OF HUMAN FREEDOMS, THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN? WHAT IS THE
DEFINITION OF FREEDOM FOR THE MALAGASY PRESIDENT? END QUOTE,
RATSIRAKA REPLIED, IN PART, QUOTE WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER DENOUNCES
THE ABSENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ONE OR ANOTHER COUNTRY, DOESN'T
HE REALLY PRACTICE A TWO-SIDED POLICY? CONSIDER, FOR
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EXAMPLE, COUNTRIES LIKE CHILI, BRAZIL, SOUTH KOREA, SOUTH
AFRICA, RHODESIA: WHAT HAVE THE WESTERN POWERS DONE TO END
THE ACTIONS OF THESE GOVERNMENTS AGAINST ELEMENTARY HUMAN
RIGHTS? WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO ELIMINATE CONCENTRATION
CAMPS, TO LIBERATE THE THOUSANDS OF DETAINEES, TO STOP THE
MASSACRES OF INNOCENTS? WHY DO THEY CONTINUE TO TRADE WITH
THESE COUNTRIES, TO GIVE THEM LOANS AND WEAPONS? THIS HUMAN

RIGHTS CAMPAIGN 9RCHESTRATED BY THE WEST IS A TACTICAL AFFAIR.
END QUOTE.

4. TO THE NEXT QUESTION, QUOTE ARE THERE POLITICAL DETAINEES
IN MADAGASCAR? END QUOTE, RATSIRAKA REPLIED, QUOTE NOT
ONE. END QUOTE. SMITH

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